

Todd Avery Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs Senior Commercial Officer

Mr. Avery assumed the Senior Commercial Officer position in Rome, Italy in January 2016.

Prior to his assignment to Italy, Todd served as the Executive Director for the Western Hemisphere where he managed a team of 250 trade professionals promoting the United States' trade policy and promotion agenda in the Americas. Todd has also served in headquarters as Senior Advisor to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets, the Chief of Talent Cultivation and Development, as well as the Career Development and Assignments Officer for the Commercial Service. Other assignments include Commercial Officer postings in Singapore, Mexico City, Northern Virginia and Ho Chi Minh City. Prior to serving as a Commercial Officer, he worked in the Commercial Service's Multilateral Development Bank Operations office, the US-Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP) in Hong Kong, the aerospace/defense industry, and as a management consultant. Mr. Avery earned his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Auburn University.

Todd is married to a State Department Senior Foreign Service Officer. They have two children in university: a son born in Seoul and a daughter born in Hong Kong.